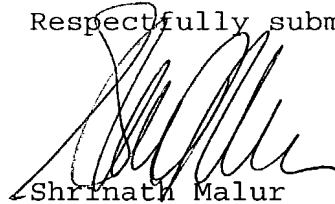


REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended. No claims have been canceled or added. Accordingly, claims 1-15 are currently pending in the above-identified application.

Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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